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(NOTAL)

1. MISSION APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S USEFUL READ-OUT ON FOLEY'S CONVERSATIONS IN KIGALI REGARDING PROPOSED EAST AFRICAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT PROJECT. FOLLOWING EC COMMISSION'S HOLIDAY BREAK, MISSION OFFICER CONTACTED DG-VIII (DEVELOPMENT) OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PROJECT REGARDING RELATED TECHNICAL AND
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ECONOMIC DOCUMENTS MENTIONED PARA 6, REF A. THESE OFFICIALS TELL US FORMAL PROJECT DOCUMENTATION ON EAST AFRICAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT SCHEME (INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS IN LAKE TANGANYIKA PORTS, UP-GRADING OF KIGOMA-DAR ES SALAAM RAILWAY AND ENLARGEMENT OF PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM) DOES NOT EXIST.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR FURTHER REQUEST FOR ANY AVAIL-
ABLE INFORMATION ON TRANSPORT SCHEME, IN ADDITION TO
THAT PROVIDED BY FOLEY IN KIGALI, MISSION OFFICER WAS
GIVEN A COPY OF JULY 1977 INTERNAL COMMISSION MEMORAN-
DUM WHICH INCLUDES AN INVENTORY OF "STUDIES" RELATED
TO THIS PROJECT AVAILABLE AT EC HEADQUARTERS IN
BRUSSELS AND, WE WERE TOLD, IN KIGALI, BUJUMBURA, DAR
ES SALAAM, AND LUSAKA. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THIS
IS MOSTLY "BACKGROUND" DATA OF A GENERAL STATISTICAL
NATURE, HOWEVER, AND PROBABLY NOT OF MUCH DIRECT HELP
IN DEFINING PROJECT ELEMENTS. (MISSION WILL NEVERTHE-
LESS POUCH A COPY OF THE COMMISSION MEMORANDUM TO
EMBASSY KIGALI AND TO AID/AFR/DP, CHARLES WARD.)

3. IN ADDITION, COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US TECHNICAL
STUDIES ON THREE MAIN COMPONENTS OF TRANSPORT SCHEME
MENTIONED ABOVE (LAKE PORTS, KIGOMA-DAR RAILWAY AND
PORT OF DAR) HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY BELGIAN AID AGENCY,
CIDA AND IBRD, RESPECTIVELY. COMPLETION DATES ARE
UNKNOWN HERE. THESE OFFICIALS SUGGEST AID/WASHINGTON
MIGHT CONTACT LATTER TWO ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTLY FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE STUDIES, AS APPROPRIATE.
MISSION OFFICER WILL FOLLOW-UP SUBSEQUENTLY WITH
COMMISSION OFFICIALS HERE REGARDING BELGIAN TECHNICAL
DOCUMENTATION ON LAKE PORTS. (COMMENT: ON THE BASIS
OF PAST EXPERIENCE, WE DO NOT FIND IT SURPRISING THAT
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PROJECT DOCUMENTATION IS NOT IN ORDER, DESPITE FOLEY'S
ACTIVE "PROMOTION" OF TRANSPORT SCHEME OUTSIDE EEC.
WE BELIEVE COMMISSION PERCEIVES ITS ROLE UNDER LOME
CONVENTION AS A CATALYST FOR MULTIDONOR PARTICIPATION
IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; GIVEN APPROACHING
SEPTEMBER DEADLINE FOR OPENING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ACP'S
ON RENEWAL OF CONVENTION, PERHAPS COMMISSION WANTS TO
HAVE ON RECORD EVIDENCE OF MOMENTUM IN THIS REGIONAL
PROJECTS VENTURE. END COMMENT.)

4. REGARDING RUSUMO-ISAKA ROAD PROJECT (REF. B),
COMMISSION REPS TELL US THEY HAVE INSTRUCTED EC DELEGATE
IN DAR (MR. PONTIPPIDAN) TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE TANGOV
MINISTRY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL COPY OF GIBBS TECHNICAL
STUDY (ON SECTION OF ROAD ON WHICH FINANCING IS STILL
SOUGHT) FOR TRANSMITTAL TO USAID. SUGGEST EMBASSY DAR
MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP WITH PONTIPPIDAN ON THE SPOT.
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